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FCC LAUNCHES ENVIRONMENTAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION WEB PAGE

Washington, DC -- The Federal Communications Commission has launched a new Web page dedicated exclusively to environmental and historic preservation issues. The new Web page will serve as a clearinghouse for important information about environmental and historical preservation issues. Its creation fulfills another portion of the Environmental and Historic Preservation Action Plan that Chairman Michael K. Powell announced on May 1, 2003.

The Web page is at www.fcc.gov/cgb/environment.

“The Commission must manage the expansion of communications infrastructure in a way that best preserves our Nation’s environmental and historic resources,” Chairman Powell said. “Enhanced electronic access to resources at the Commission and throughout the government should improve public and industry awareness about environmental and historic preservation activities.”

The Web page lists in one, easy-to-access site, documents relating to FCC actions on environmental and historic preservation, statements issued by the commissioners, and links to other FCC Web sites dealing with tower location and environmental and historic preservation issues. The site also lists the interagency liaisons and other councils and organizations that are involved in environmental and historic preservation.

The FCC has specific responsibilities under federal laws such as the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) to evaluate the impact of its actions on the quality of the environment. The FCC has found that these requirements apply to a wide range of communications facilities, including broadcast and cellular antenna structures, fiber optic lines, undersea cables, and other communications facilities.

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